

DENTAL BOARD[650]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.39, the Dental Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 22, “Dental Assistant Radiography Qualification,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to increase the availability of examinations and testing locations for applicants seeking the dental assistant radiography qualification. The amendment sets 50 as the minimum number of questions for the examinations, specifies that the examinations must be administered in a proctored setting, and sets a minimum pass rate of 75 percent or better.

This amendment would allow outside training entities to develop and submit their own dental assistant radiography qualification examinations for Board approval.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before February 21, 2017. Such written materials should be directed to Phil McCollum, Associate Director, Iowa Dental Board, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; or sent by e-mail to phil.mccollum@iowa.gov.

There will be a public hearing on February 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the Board office, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views orally or in writing.

The proposed amendment is subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 650—Chapter 7.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is a positive impact on jobs, as opportunity is provided for outside training entities to both develop and administer a dental radiography examination.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.34 and 153.39.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 650—22.5(136C,153) as follows:

650—22.5(136C,153) Examination requirements. An applicant for dental assistant radiography qualification shall successfully pass a board-approved examination in dental radiography.

~~22.5(1) Examinations approved by the board are those administered by the board or board’s approved testing centers or, if taken after January 1, 1986, the Dental Assisting National Board Dental Radiation Health and Safety Examination.~~ Examinations must be prior approved by the board and must be administered in a proctored setting. All board-approved examinations must have a minimum of 50 questions. The Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Examination is an approved examination.

22.5(2) A score of 75 percent or better on ~~the board~~ a board-approved examination shall be considered successful completion of the examination. The board accepts the passing standard established by the Dental Assisting National Board for applicants who take the Dental Assisting National Board Radiation Health and Safety Examination.

22.5(3) Information on taking ~~the~~ a board-approved examination may be obtained by contacting the board office at 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4687.

22.5(4) A dental assistant must meet such other requirements as may be imposed by the board’s approved dental assistant testing centers.

22.5(5) A dental assistant who fails to successfully complete ~~the~~ a board-approved examination after two attempts will be required to submit, prior to each subsequent examination attempt, proof of additional

formal education in dental radiography in a program approved by the board or sponsored by a school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.